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INCREASING USE OF PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

he alternative measures taken by the Government to protect and food cycle from increasing use of pesticides?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

Government has adopted Integrated Pest Management (IPM), encompassing cultural, mechanical and biological methods and need based use of chemical pesticides, as the cardinal principle of plant protection. The use of eco-friendly bio control agents and bio pesticides has been emphasized in the IPM approach. The 1PM approach is propagated through Central Integrated Pest Management Centres (CIPMCs) by imparting training to farmers through Farmers` Field Schools. Government also provides grants-in-aid for the establishment of Biocontrol Laboratories in order to produce agents to encourage their use in pest control, as alternatives to chemical pesticides.